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From the Knickerbocker, for November. THE VILLAGE BLACKSMITH.

PY H. W. LONGFELLOW.

Under a spreading chesnut tree The village smithy stands; The smith, a mighty man is he, With large and sinewy hands; And the muscles of his brawny arms Are strong as iron bands.

His hair is crisp, and black, and long; His face is like the tan; His brow is wet with honest sweat; He earns whate'er he can, And looks the whole world in the face, For he owes not any man.

Week out, week in, from morn till night, You can hear his bellows blow; You can hear him swing his heavy sledge, With measured beat and slow, Like a sexton ringing the old kirk chimes When the evening sun is low.

And children coming home from school Look in at the open door; They love to see the flaming forge, And hear the bellows roar, And eatch the burning sparks that fly Like chaff from a threshing floor.

He goes on Sunday to the church, And sits among his boys; He hears the parson pray and preach, He hears his daughter's voice, Singing in the village choir, And it makes his heart rejoice.

It sounds to him like her mother's voice, Singing on Paradise! He needs must think of her once more, How in the grave she lies; And with his hard rough hands he wipes A tear from out his eyes.

Toiling-rejoicing-sorrowing-Onward through life he goes: Each morning sees some task begin, Each evening sees it close; wmething attempted-something done, Has earned a night's repose.

anks to thee, my worthy friend, son thou hast taught! ming forge of Life must be wrought; anvil shaped Mand thought.

MISCELLANEOUS.

From correspondence of the N. Y. American.

Boston, (Eng.)—Oliver Cromwell. In traversing the counties of Essex, Suffolk, and Norfolk, on the coast of England, I have been struck with the similarity in the names of the towns and those in eastern Massachusetts, a strong indication that the goodly New No subscription received for a less time | England State was settled by emigrants from this part of old England. I could not feel Advertisements inserted at the rate of like a foreigner in Ipswich, Chelmsford, Malden, Braintree, Waltham, Lynn, Attleboro, Hingham, Yarmouth, Sudbury, Haverhill, Stow, Marlboro, or Needham, and I am quite on the manuscript, as to the number of inser- at home here in Boston. Identity of language tions, will be continued until ordered out, and strengthens the delusion. But the charm is easily broken. This is not the Boston. Nor are these plains, extending for scores of miles, with scarce an elevation to rest the eye upon; Political Circulars or Public Addresses, for these prime hedgerows; these tile-roofed vilthe benefit of individual persons or companies, lages, whose church-bells have tolled the knell

children, gleaning the harvest fields to gather the straws which the hand of parsimony has dropped; these donkey-carts creeping to market with the laboring man's pittance; these haughty liveries, lavish of power and pomp; these, these are not the England. Who would exchange them for the free soil, the free lands of that-

Land of the forest and the rock, Of dark blue lake and mighty river,

Of mountains reared aloft to mock The storm's career, the lightning's shock-My own green Land forever!

Though the zig-zag route we followed from Ipswich to Boston furnished many objects of interest, I will barely allude to two or three of them. There was Bury St. Edmunds, with its great Abbey, built by William the Conqueror, now a pile of ruins covering many : J R. M. & S. L. CORWINE, acres. An extensive botanical garden, fringed and interwoven with every variety of plants and flowers, occupies what was once the inte- ton is intensely monotonous-a dead level of rior quadrangle of the Abbey. Two of the 60 miles, whose every inch bears the verdant main gateways, in good preservation, impress impress of assiduous cultivation. Such an unthe beholder with all that is chaste and ma- broken contiguity of prim tillage palls upon jestic in the combination of Norman and Sax- the eye. A heath, a hill, a ledge of rocks, a on. Some handsome dwelling houses have re- patch of shrub-oaks, or a clump of birch bushcently been inserted in the old walls, and their es, would give it an Arcadian richness. Oneigay modern windows, green doors, and red da swamps in the middle of the Sahara-garroofs, mingling with the hoary antiquity of the den would be hailed an oasis, and a flock of Abbey, give it a romantic and unique appear- musquetoes from the Cayuga marshes, birds

> ic work in England, the Chapel of King's New York, or the cordure bridges of Illi-College; and to catch a glimpse at the flowing nois, to break up the drowsy apathy. Though gowns and brisk caps of the literary loiterers old England's Boston is a "considerable of a on the banks of the "Classic Cam." Retur- place," has one or two pretty streets, a score post-chaise at the hotel door. Promising our- ples, from Fort Hill, or sketched the blue hills selves another visit to Cambridge after we of Nortolk, or the forest-crowned swells of brewer of Huntingdon, the puritan farmer of ton for a thousand of it. No-St. Ives, the matchless conqueror of Naseby, and far-sighted and high-minded Protector of the British Commonwealth. Those who have St. Ives, and in walking through the house and over the farm he so long occupied in that retired village, when training his mind and which, in after years, marshalled by his skill granite-colored velvet. in the field, swept to ruins the legions of an arrogant court and hierarchy, like chaff before 'which are the poetry of heaven'—and the whirlwind. All this may seem wild enthusiasm. But, who that loves freedom of conscience in religious faith and ecclesiasti- -the pavement of heaven. If world cal government, will not admire the bold and whom inhabited, and how go consistent champion of this priceless princi- the same turmoil and

> An impartial biography of Oliver Cromwall retel ed of him. He said to Sir Harry Vane, and pollute the fair earth we found the among their numbers may be found the What a rent in the sacred weil which shroud- over the birth-place of Bethlehem's babe--THE KING IS BUT A MAN-streamed through time, are missed from the glittering ranks: it. Churchmen have written of him, He where has fled the 'Lost Pleiad,' so sweetabolished the monopoly of their establishment, ly sung by one whose harp is now silentstabled his troopers in their cathodrals, and whose impassioned lyre once poured this seeing twelve silver statues in the niches of vearning plaint, the chapter-house at York Minister, asked the trembling Dean, "What are these!" "The twelve Apostles." "Take them down and

coin them into money, that they may go about doing good like their Master." Scotch Presbyterians have carped at him. He dashed in pieces their iron system, and erected indepency on its ruins. Infidel historians have blotted his character. He preached and prayed with the Puritans of Huntingdonshire. Literary aristocrats have lampooned him. He came up from the mass-wrested the plate of Cambridge University from the royalists, who were about to melt it for the use of Charles; imprisoned the heads of the colleges for diso-Contemporaneous republicans call him a ty-Freedom, they plotted to restore monarchy. and to bring back the gags and dungeons, and faggots of the ecclesiastic. There have lived those who have even disputed the talents of Cromwell. But, the fact stands out before the world, that an obscure individual, without title, property, or influential friends, created the means and trained the men, which, under his leardship, conquered in many a field, and against fearful odds, the hereditary chivalry of England. When the issue afterwards came, who should consolidate and govern the new commonwealth, the scores of great minds eround the revolutionary council-board of 1650, found a master-spirit among them, whose altitude they had never measured. The brewwealth from every monarch in Europe.

The country between Huntingdon and Bosof Paradise. Our coach slid along the even We stopped in Cambridge long enough to road as the wind glides over the ice-fields. admire one of the choicest specimens of Goth- We longed for the hub-deep ruts of western

> Where'er I roam, whatever realms I see, My heart, untravelled, fondly turns to thee.

The approaching marriage of the Ruscopied Cromwell's character from the prejudi- sian Count Demidoff to the Princess Maced pages of Hume and Goldsmith, will wonder tild, daughter of Prince Jerome Bonaparte about the moon and stars, and to make chance for it. But Vermont, with a swell that we lingered two or three days with increas- has produced a great stir in the Parisian everything, even rum and whiskey. That of fifteen thousand, now talks of claimed interest around the youthful haunts of this 'fancy warehouses.' It would be too te- the red man should be a first rate hunter, ing. Boston is the flag city-she having "Hypocrite and Usurper." But, so it is. Our dious to enumerate all that the Parisian and a mighty warrior, but he was not to given the largest majority for Harrison. hearts swelled as we stood on the spot of his fournisseurs have prepared for the Prin- learn any thing from books, as the Great Vermont whether the flag state or not, has birth in the homely little town of Hunting- cesss' corbeille; but one portion of it which | Spirit had not given him any; nor was he the flag county-one of her counties havdon. Even the dust on the walls of its old is particularly striking is the livre de mar- to make rum and whiskey, lest he should ing beaten Genesee. Every county in school-room, where "Cromwell's desk" is riage, which is destined for the Princess's kill himself drinking. As to the black Vermont, moreover, has cast a majority shown, was precious in our sight. We spent use. A concurrence of the principal ar- man, as he had nothing but working tools for Harrison. Such also is the fact in gratifying hours in looking at his handwriting tists of Paris has enriched this precious it was clear he was to work for the white Delaware, with the addition that not a (bold and strong, like the man) inscribed on book with a multitude of paintings, as vari- and the red man, which he has continued single Van Buren man has been elected to the Church records when he was warden of ed in their composition as remarkable for to do. heart for that struggle whose earthquake was side, the imperial arms are enameled; on bad for the red man. It makes white men poor man who did it's aw the result of the to topple, headlong, the sanctified corruptions the reverse, the Count Demidoff's cipher better, but it makes red men worse. Some poll, he offered of ages. Our free blood grew warm in riding appears in raised work of gold on a ground of the Creeks and Cherokees learned to over the plains cultivated by the Independents of blue enamel. A superb clasp with tassels complete the exterior ornaments, rescals among the Indians. They went on the book is conclosed in a recognitionary army—whom Cromwell fired The book is conclosed in a recognitionary army—whom Cromwell fired The book is conclosed in a recognitionary army—whom Cromwell fired The book is conclosed in a recognitional of the Creeks and Cherokees learned to the Creeks and Ch revolutionary army-whom Cromwell fired The book is enclosed in a magnificent to Washington, and said they were going was given for Harrison. That certainly with a hatred of kingly and priestly tyranny, case of encrusted ivory, turned up with to see their great Father and

We love to look out upon the stars, speculate upon their nature-whether they are worlds of brightness-islands of light strife and bla

Ye usuant stars, so calm, so bright, Would I had portion in your light, Could read the secret of your birth-Aught, anything but this dull earth.

A SEMINOLE TRADITION. BY WASHINGTON IRVING.

From the Knickerbocker of October 1840. When the Floridas were erected into a Territory of the United States, one of the earliest cares of the governor, William P. Duval, was directed to the instruction and civilization of the natives. For this purpose, he called a meeting of the chiefs, in which he informed them of the wish of their great father at Washington, that they should have schools and teachers among while on a visit to the house of a respectable, beying the orders of Parliament; and, more them, and that their children should be long experienced physician, in one of the than all, was no poet, knew little of Virgil, instructed like the children of white men. and wrote in a lumbering, entangled style. The chiefs listened with their customary he gave me in substance the following account. silence and decorum to a long speech, as near as I can recollect. rant. And such republicans! He ground setting forth the advantages that would He was called a week or two previous, to

val of a day to deliberate on it. cation was held, at which one of their tion led him at once to impute to a long continchiefs addressed the Governor in the name ued practice of tight lacing-a practice which of all the rest. "My brother," said he, is slaying its thousands and tens of thousands "we have been thinking over the proposi- in our enlightened land. There was, in his tion of our Great Father at Washington to send teachers and set up schools among We are very thankful for the interest he takes in our welfare; but, after much deliberation have concluded to decline his ofler. What will do very well for white men, will not do for red men. I know you white men say we all came from the same father and mother, but you are mistaken. We have a tradition handed not be suicide, because no such result was coner became the Protector, and the farmer of down from our forefathers, and we believe templated, though the deed was done by her St. Ives gave law to Britain. Nor did he, it, that the Great Spirit, when he under- own hand. We can call it by no softer name in the height of his power, despise the steps took to make man, made the black man; than self-slaughter, for such even an external by which he ascended. Freedom of conscience it was his first attempt, and pretty well for examination of the body proved it to have shone conspicuously on his escutcheon; and a beginning; but he soon saw that he bun-been. while with one hand he shielded the Quaker gled, so he determined to try his hand a- The shoulder blades were found to be literfrom persecution at home, with the other he gain. He did so and made the red man. ally lapped one over the other; the false ribs wrung respect and homage for the Common- He liked him much better than the black had been so compressed, that the space of only man but still he was not exactly what he about an inch and a half remained between wanted. So he tried once more, and made them; and so great was the curvature of the

> youngest brother. three men, he called them, together and showed them three boxes. The first was filled with books, and maps and papers: the second with bows and arrrows, knives and tomahawks; the third with spades, axes, hoes and hammers. "These, my disposition and correct moral habits, othersons" said he are the means by which you are to live; choose among them according to your fancy.'

last, and that is the reason I call you my

"The white man being the favorite, had the first choice. He passed by the box of working tools without notice; but when he came to the weapons of war and hunt- fering and death in the ears of every female ning from a ramble through the crooked streets of curious wind-mills, a church whose towers ing, he stopped and looked hard at them. in our land, until they voluntarily assumed of the town-in which there is an odd mixture hide its pinnacles in the clouds, yet no one who The red man trembled, for he had set his "strait jackets," that indicate nothing better of meanness with magnificence—we found our had looked out on Massachusetts' Bay of Na- heart upon that box. The white man, than mental aberration in the wearers, should however, after looking upon it for a mo- be voluntarily thrown aside. had seen its rival, Oxford, our horses leaped Middlesex, from the State House dome, or ment, passed on and chose the box of had seen its rival, Oxford, our horses leaped towards Huntingdonshire, the birth place and towards Huntingdonshire, the birth place and established towards Huntingdonshire, the birth place and established towards like a martingdonshire, the birth place and established towards like a martingdonshire, the birth place and established towards like a martingdonshire, the birth place and established towards like a martingdonshire, the birth place and established towards like a martingdonshire, the birth place and established towards like a martingdonshire, the birth place and established towards like a martingdonshire, the birth place and established towards like a martingdonshire towards like a martingdonshir residence of Oliver Cromwell, the humble ble cliff, would exchange New England's Bos- with joy upon the arrows and tomahawks. As to the black man, he had no choice

left but to put up with the box of tools. Spirit intended that the white man should proportion to the whole amount of its vote. learn to read and write; to understand all Rhode Island, the other day stood the best

the delicacy and elegance of their execu- "We must go according to the wishes spots even brighter in the Mississippi tion. The cover of this book is of white of the Great Spirit, or we shall get into country. In one town in the state of Misvelvet, richly clustered with ornaments trouble. To know how to read and write sissippi only one solitary vote was cast for exquisitely chisselled in silver. On one is very good for the white man, but very the Van Buren electors, and when the the good of the nation at talk about is the flag town of the Union. . And senen they got there they all w wrote upon a little piece anout the nation at home knowing any thing about it. And the mafter, they were called together by the tion of Bangadore, under the Madras Premailer, agent, who showed them a little sidency. It is reckoned one of the greatoverned. If piece of paper, which he told them was a est feats of horsemanship that has ever trouble—the same treaty which their brothers had made in been performed. The animal was the .oodshed—the same guilt and their names with their Great Father at property of Captain Horne, of the Madras reduces characterize them, that mar Washington. And as they knew not artillery, who backed him to do the task is yet to be written. Royalists have discours. In medness characterize them, that mar washington. And as they knew not arrived them, that mar washington. And as they knew not arrived them, that mar washington. And as they knew not arrived them, that mar washington. And as they knew not arrived them, that mar washington. And as they knew not arrived them, that mar washington. And as they knew not arrived them, that mar washington. And as they knew not arrived them, that mar washington. And as they knew not arrived them, that mar washington. The said to Sir Harry Vane, and pollute the fair earth we inhabit; if what a treaty was, he held up the little what a treaty was, he held up the little what a treaty was, he held up the little what a treaty was, he held up the little what a treaty was, he held up the little what a treaty was, he held up the little what a treaty was, he held up the little what a treaty was, he held up the little what a treaty was, he held up the little what a treaty was, he held up the little what a treaty was, he held up the little what a treaty was, he held up the little what a treaty was, he held up the little what a treaty was, he held up the little what a treaty was, he held up the little what a treaty was a little what a little what a treaty was a little what a treaty was a little what a treaty was a little what a little wha would as soon put up my sword through the heart of the king as that of any other man." The odds at starting were 3 to 1, and after the learn of the king as that of any other man." and lo! it covered a great extent of counterwards 4 to 1 against the rider. The what a rent in the sacred veil which slight particular star that hovered try, and they found that their brethren, horse won in grand style. On reaching try, and they found that their brethren, horse won in grand style. On reaching try, and they found that their brethren, horse won in grand style. On reaching try, and they found that their brethren, horse won in grand style. On reaching try, and they found that their brethren, horse won in grand style. by knowing how to read and write, had the wisning post, Captain Horne's troop ed the annointed tyrant! The startling truth what become of those that, from time to sold their houses, and their lands, and the of the startling truth what become of those that, from time to sold their houses, and their lands, and the of the startling truth what become of those that, from time to sold their houses, and their lands, and the of the startling truth what become of those that, from time to sold their houses, and their lands, and the of the startling truth what become of those that, from time to sold their houses, and their lands, and the of the startling truth what become of those that, from time to sold their houses, and their lands, and the of the startling truth what become of those that, from time to sold their houses, and their lands, and the of the startling truth what become of those that, from time to sold their houses, and their lands, and the of the startling truth what lands are the startling truth what lands are the sold their houses, and their lands, and the startling truth what lands are t graves of their fathers, and that the white, curopeans, took him off his horse, and man, by knowing how to read and wave, had gained them. Tell our great ather at Washington therefore, thet ware very sorry we cannot receive eachers among Horne, came in perfectly fresh, and on the us; for reading and writing, though very second day he was out visting around the good for white port, it is very bad for In- station on a poney, after riding 91 miles dians."

From the Health Journal. DEATH FROM TIGHT LACING.

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I have seen, and am much pleased with your paper, and doubt not it will do much good. I hope for it an extensive circulation. In one-of your late numbers you call for facts, whether communicated in elegant language or not. I have recently learned, one to which I gave all possible publicity, and have told it in almost every circle of the young, in which I have since found myself. Two weeks since. southern boundary towns in New Hampshire,

them to powder, because, under the name of accrue to them from this measure; and visit a young female, I think over twenty when he had concluded, begged the inter- years of age, who was distressingly ill of a complaint of the lungs, laboring under great On the following day, a solemn convo- difficulty of breathing, which his discriminaopinion, an adhesion of the lungs to the chest, and a consequent inflammation, which had proceeded to such a height that death was inevitable. Little or nothing could be done. The poor girl, after a few days of acute suffering, fell a victim to-(what shall I say? I am unwilling to wound the feelings of her friends)-her own folly and vanity. It could

the white man-and then he was satisfied. spine, which had been girded in by the cords You see, therefore that you were made of death, that after the corpse was laid out for interment, two pillows were put under the arch thereby formed, while the shoulders res-"When the Great Spirit had made the ted on the board. She was a large healthy person, and was ignorantly led. by the desire to please, to sacrifice her life at the shrine of fashion and the prevailing false ideas of beauty of form. She was said to be of amiable

My own mind was so impressed with the recital of this story, that I could hardly forbear weeping over the folly, weakness, ignorance, and wickedness of my sex. I inwardly wished for the ability to ring this case of suf-

WHICH IS THE FLAG STATE?

The New York Commercial remarks: there is likely to be some strife as to which of the whig states is to claim the National Flag, which is to be awarded to "From this it is clear that the Great that which gives the highest majority in the legislature. But there are some little

Great Match of an Arab Horse to per-

form 400 Miles in Five Days. The above extraordinary match took st thing the nation at home knew of the place on the 27th of July last, at the staduring the preceding night.